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Previous Year Questions

Farm Subsidies, MSP & PDS — GS-III

Previous Year Questions (verbatim, official syllabus)

13 Questions

Year range: 2013–2024

Verbatim from official UPSC papers

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Farm subsidies and minimum support prices

2023 GS-III 10M · 150W

Q6. What are the direct and indirect subsidies provided to farm sector in India? Discuss the issues raised by the World Trade Organization (WTO) in relation to agricultural subsidies.

2018 GS-III 10M · 150W

Q6. What do you mean by Minimum Support Price (MSP)? How will MSP rescue the farmers from the low income trap?

2017 GS-III 15M · 150W

Q6. How do subsidies affect the cropping pattern, crop diversity, and economy of farmers? What is the significance of crop insurance, minimum support price, and food processing for small and marginal farmers?

2016 GS-III 12.5M · 150W

Q8. Given the vulnerability of Indian agriculture to vagaries of nature, discuss the need for crop insurance and bring out the salient features of the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY).

2015 GS-III 12.5M · 150W

Q6. In what way could replacement of price subsidy with Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) change the scenario of subsidies in India? Discuss.

2013 GS-III 10M · 200W

Q5. What are the different types of agriculture subsidies given to farmers at the national and at state levels? Critically analyse the agricultural subsidy regime with reference to the distortions created by it.

Public Distribution System — objectives, functioning, limitations, rev...

2022 GS-III 10M · 150W

Q4. What are the major challenges of Public Distribution System (PDS) in India? How can it be made effective and transparent?

2019 GS-III 15M · 150W

Q7. What are the reformative steps taken by the Government to make the food grain distribution system more effective?

Buffer stocks and food security

2024 GS-III 10M · 150W

Q3. Explain the role of millets for ensuring health and nutritional security in India.

2024 GS-III 15M · 150W

Q4. Elucidate the importance of buffer stocks for stabilizing agricultural prices in India. What are the challenges associated with the storage of buffer stock? Discuss.

2021 GS-III 15M · 150W

Q6. What are the salient features of the National Food Security Act, 2013? How has the Food Security Bill helped in eliminating hunger and malnutrition in India?

2013 GS-III 10M · 200W

Q4. Food Security Bill is expected to eliminate hunger and malnutrition in India. Critically discuss various apprehensions in its effective implementation along with the concerns it has generated in WTO.

Technology missions; economics of animal-rearing

2015 GS-III 12.5M · 150W

Q4. Livestock rearing has a big potential for providing non-farm employment and income in rural areas. Discuss, suggesting suitable measures to promote this sector in India.

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